

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, February 7, 1989 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, Westminster News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WBES radio, WZLI/WLET Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Tom Johnson - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, & Randall Holcombe - Greenville News.

All other persons who have asked to be notified of meetings were also notified by mail.

Other Persons

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

Meeting

The invocation was given by Mr. Harper.

Invocation

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the January 17, 1989 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes
1/17/89

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the special meeting of December 12, 1988 be adopted as printed.

Minutes
12/16/88

At the request of Mr. Robert Winchester, Sewer Commission Director, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Zeigler Construction be awarded the bid for upgrading the Perkins Creek Pump Station as per attached bid.

Sewer
Commission

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the attached agreement between the Sewer Commission and King Asphalt Paving Company for the purpose of ingress and egress to a 31.48 acre tract of land as shown on the attached agreement with survey be approved.

At the request of Mr. Fant Honea, Rural Fire Director, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that Rural Fire proceed with the request for matching title four rural fire communities fire protection grant.

Rural Fire

Mr. Jim Carr of Carr & Associates addressed Council concerning his firm recovering the methane gas from the Seneca landfill. Mr. Carr informed Council his firm had been in this business four or five years, this gas develops from the decomposed materials in the landfills and the amount of methane gas in a landfill depends on the materials disposed of at the landfill.

Landfills

Mr. Carr further informed Council that by August EPA will require all landfills to be monitored to see how much methane gas is released into the air.

He further stated his firm would monitor the Seneca landfill at no cost to the county, they would pay Oconee County \$1,000 for the right to test the landfill and the first five (5) years Oconee County would receive 12½% of the gross and after five (5) years, the county would receive around 17½% of the gross from the methane gas.

Mr. Carr stated he would send the county a sample lease and in the meantime Mr. Brandt, County Attorney will research the law as to the mineral rights.

Mr. Milt Marke and Mr. Chuck Cross addressed Council concerning Oconee County participating in the premium conversion cafeteria health plan. If the county chose to go with this plan, the employee having medical premiums taken out of his check would take home around 30% more pay, however, when this employee reached retirement his social security benefits would also be cut.

Health Ins.

As the county has three roofs that need to be replaced, Ms. Carole Mullinax and Mr. Johnny Pittman of North Brothers Insulation addressed Council regarding urethane foam roofing material. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus that Ms. Mullinax and Mr. Pittman meet with Mr. Bill Smith, Public Buildings Supervisor, February 8, 1989 at 7:30 AM to look at these roofs and then give Oconee County a cost of roofing these three roofs.

Roofs

Mr. Walter Pelfrey addressed Council concerning road maintenance on a roadway that is no longer considered a county roadway. At the present time there is no one living on the roadway, however, there will be two families living there in the near future. After discussion, Mr. Crain referred this matter to the Roads & Transportation Committee.

Road Maintenance

After Mr. Brandt presented the Fixed Base Operator contract to Council, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the five (5) year contract as amended be adopted.

FBO Contact

Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that \$700 be taken from contingency and added to the \$3,500 in line item number 10 012 00150 00840, capital expenditures equipment, to purchase gas pumps that will fit our present key system.

Gas Pumps (Contingency)

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 5 - 0 that US Highway Products be awarded the bid for:

E 911 Signs

1,100 24"X6" Sign Blanks @	\$2.73	\$3,003.00
1,100 30'X6" Sign Blanks @	3.18	3,498.00
300 36"X6" Sign Blanks @	3.68	1,104.00
Sub Total:		\$7,705.00
Tax:		380.25
Total:		\$7,985.25

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that \$985 be taken from contingency and placed in line item number 10 058 00150 00022, maintenance on buildings, for the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission (Contingency)

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 89-1, "An Ordinance for the Identification of Fire Hazards" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 89-1

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 89-2, "1988-89 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance" be adopted on first reading in title only.

Ord. 89-2

The Budget & Finance Committee scheduled a meeting Thursday, February 16, 1989 at 6:00 PM to discuss the 1988-89 supplemental appropriation ordinance.

Committee Meetings

The Roads & Transportation Committee scheduled a meeting Thursday, February 16, 1989 at 5:00 PM to review the roadway Mr. Walter Pelfrey addressed Council about.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the attached four (4) transfers be approved.

Transfers

Mr. Dyar informed Council that Ms. Constance Morgan's agent (the lady whose property Chau Ram is infringing on) is ill and he will contact Mr. Dyar about looking into this situation when he recovers.

Chau Ram

Mr. Crain informed Council there will be a COG Symposium March 9, 1989 and urged each Council Member to attend.

COG Symposium

Mr. Crain referred the attached request from the Magistrate's Office to keep their temporary thirty (30) hour per week person until the new budget year begins to the Personnel Committee.

Magistrate

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that \$1,500 be taken from contingency and \$1,350 be placed in line item number 10 010 00110 03900, secretary salary and \$150 be placed in line item 10 039 00150 00031, office supplies, for the Board of Assessment Appeals due to the large number of appeals this year.

Bd. of Appeals
(Contingency)

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 that the Solicitor's Office be allowed to take \$1,520 from the funds of the Anderson Office and add it to the \$630 in line item number 10 016 00150 00840, capital expenditures equipment, to purchase a Xerox Memorywriter in place of the wheelwriter typewriter budgeted for. (see attached request)

Solicitor

Mr. Crain reminded Council Members of the appointments or reappointments that need to be made to the commissions.

Commissions

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stone, approved 5 - 0 that \$517 and \$318.84 received from the insurance company for damages be put back in the proper budgets. (see attachments)

Insurance

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Mary Ethel Tucker be granted land use for tax year 1988 due to her having to move to Lancaster for health reasons and not receiving a form.

Ag. Land Use

Mr. Brandt, County Attorney, briefed Council on the status of 7-Q-10. At his request, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Brandt be granted the authority to file whatever action he deems necessary, including, but not limited to lawsuits, to protect the interest of Oconee County.

7-Q-10

Mr. Brandt also urged Council to review the structure of the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Bd. of Appeals

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Council to into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Executive
Session

When open session resumed, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Dyar voting against) that Mr. Early E. Moss be transferred from his present position as a medium equipment operator to supervising inmates picking up litter on the sides of roads due to medical reasons.

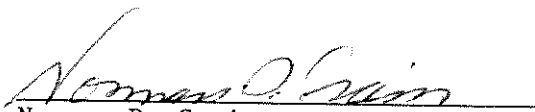
Open Session

Mr. Dyar went on record opposing the action, stating he felt it was setting a bad precedent to create a position for someone who is unable to perform their duties for medical reasons.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 5 - 0 recommending that Mr. Gary Shaw be transferred from his present position as CCS Director to medium equipment operator in the Supervisor's Office at the entry level with his salary being \$13,765 due to lack of maintenance on the CCS equipment.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strickland, approved 4 - 1 (Mr. Dyar voting against) recommending that a letter of reprimand be placed in Jimmy Whitman's file as he is the assistant CCS Director.

Adjourn: 11:45 PM


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council